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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

On page 1, before "Background of the Invention" insert the following new paragraph:

--Related Application Information

This application is a continuation of application serial number 09/508,208, filed March 8, 2000, which is a 371 of PCT/US98/18679, filed September 8, 1998.--

In the claims:

Claims 1-32 are pending in this application and are reiterated below.

1. (Reiterated) A protein comprising a gp120 V1/V2 domain of an HIV-1 strain and not comprising the gp120 V3 domain of an HIV-1 strain, wherein said protein does not substantially bind CD4, said gp120 V1/V2 domain of said protein displaying an epitope which is recognized

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